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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE**

United States of America,

Plaintiff,

vs.

Johnny Roman Garza,

Defendant.

**Case No.: 2:20-cr-00032-JCC**

**REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO  
PARTICIPATE IN INTERVIEW**

*(Defendant is Out Custody)*

Defendant, Johnny Roman Garza, by and through counsel undersigned, respectfully requests that this Court permit him to participate in a television interview via Zoom.

Mr. Garza was recently sentenced, and has been permitted to remain out of custody until after the holidays. Following the sentencing, undersigned counsel received an email from Christopher Ingalls, who is a reporter from King 5 News in Seattle. Mr. Ingalls is also a victim in the case, having received a threatening letter in his mailbox.

1 According to Mr. Ingalls, he and his station are running a series on issues related  
2 to race. He asked specifically if Mr. Garza would be willing to participate in an  
3 interview for that programming. He believes that Mr. Garza can help explain to his  
4 viewers who the people are that get caught up with these groups, what motivates them,  
5 and how they come to be involved in such groups.  
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7 Undersigned counsel spoke with Mr. Garza, who would like very much to  
8 participate in the interview. As discussed during his sentencing, he wants very badly to  
9 make amends for his actions in this case, and to help others understand how people  
10 become involved in hate groups, and to avoid such involvement. He believes this  
11 interview will be a first step in that process, one of many to come.  
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13 Mr. Ingalls indicated that he would like the interview to occur via Zoom or other  
14 online video platform, since it is for television. As such, Mr. Garza seeks this Court's  
15 permission for an exception to his release conditions to allow him to participate in the  
16 interview.  
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18 Undersigned counsel contacted the assigned prosecutor, who indicated he takes no  
19 position.  
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21 Undersigned counsel contacted the assigned pretrial services officer here in  
22 Arizona, who defers to the probation department in Washington.  
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24 In accordance with the above, Mr. Garza seeks permission from this Court to  
25 participate in the interview with Mr. Ingalls via online video chat program as requested  
26 by Mr. Ingalls.  
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1 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2020.

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3 /s/ Seth Apfel

4 Seth Apfel, Esq.

5 Attorney on Behalf of Defendant Garza

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